

Becky Sanders
Director of Operations, Indiana Rural Health Association
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As Director of Operations for the Indiana Rural Health Association, Becky Sanders works with healthcare providers throughout the state of Indiana. She also maintains close ties with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and other state agencies to foster public/private partnerships on behalf of the IRHA. She is responsible for coordination of staff duties within the IRHA.

Becky also serves at the Program Director for the Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center. In this role, she works with our UMTRC consortium partners to provide a single point of contact for telehealth resources throughout Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan. The UMTRC provides educational and outreach presentations, individualized technical assistance, facilitation, and connections to resources via our website and project staff.

Prior to her current positions, Becky Sanders served IRHA in the role of Indiana Telehealth Network Director, where she oversaw all of the RFPs that the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) administered to procure bids for construction of fiber for internet and dedicated transport services for the ITN. While creating the ITN, she worked with CAHs, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), telecommunication providers, and other partner organizations to address the need for improved broadband access for health care providers in Indiana. She was also responsible for fostering communication between our healthcare participants and our winning vendors. Service lines to be provided over the ITN currently under development include Videoconferencing, e-Learning, Telemental Health, TeleStroke, and TelePharmacy.

The ITN was created as a part of the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP), administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). The RHCPP is funds 85% of the construction and a minimum of 48 months of non-recurring services for the high speed fiber optic dedicated healthcare network to promote broadband growth and economic development for rural healthcare providers in the state of Indiana.

Ms. Sanders has been with the IRHA since 2008. She previously worked in telecommunications for over 10 years at the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), where she held various positions in their Chicago, Illinois and Whippany, New Jersey offices. Ms. Sanders received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana State University.